

would do such things in other spheres of activities also, like disruption of railway services. There has been no incident of rail disruption since this Government has taken over. But according to the news reports of today, they are planning to disrupt railway services also.

The Chief Minister of Assam called a meeting of the editors of the newspapers and sought their cooperation. The editors, in their subsequent editorials have condemned the Government of Assam for not having taken up the issue of law and order seriously. They have said that the State of Assam has already gone back by some thirty years because of continuous agitation. They have appealed to the ULFA extremists to give up the idea of anti-India activities. The hon. Prime Minister during his visit to the North-eastern region had also appealed to the youths asking them to come for a round table conference and discuss the issue of their demands without any condition. They should accept it. This is the issue. The hon. Home Minister and the leader of the House is present here and I would like to request them to make arrangements for not only restoring the pipeline immediately, but also for proper guarding of the other such installations in the whole of the North-eastern region so that this type of things do not recur. At the same time, any lacuna, which is there should be set right. This is the request I would like to make to the hon. Prime Minister, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan ji, and Shri Indrajit Gupta ji.

I have read in the newspapers that the Home Minister has taken some action in this regard. But I would like to emphasise that further action is necessary. He himself, in reply to a Starred Question today, has said that there is a shortage of the para-military forces. I think, the idea of the Oil India having their own security arrangements is much better than the Government of India always deploying forces there. He should call the representatives of the Ministry of Petroleum and discuss the matter with them. I appreciate and support his contention about the Oil India Ltd. having their own security arrangements as is the case in the tea gardens. There are less incidents of this nature in the tea gardens today. It is because the Central Government has provided some security to these tea gardens. So, I would request them to take immediate action in this regard.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Mr. Home Minister, would you like to respond to it?

THE HOME MINISTER (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : Sir, we share the anxiety and concern of the hon. Member. This is not a matter pertaining to a particular State. It is a threat to the national economy in what these people are doing. We are in constant touch with the authorities of the Oil India and the State Government in Assam. We are taking whatever measures we can take.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The House now stands adjourned to meet again at 2.10 p.m.

13.10 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till ten minutes past fourteen of the Clock.

14.16 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at sixteen minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker in the Chair)

[English]

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : We will now take up Matters under Rule 377.

14.16½ hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to review the decision regarding acquisition of further land in Car-Nicobar, Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

[English]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands are having two administrative Districts - Andaman and Nicobar. Nicobar District is inhabited by the Nicobari tribals who are a peace-loving and disciplined people. Car-Nicobar is the headquarters of Nicobar District which is a small area thickly populated by the tribal people. Time and again, it was represented to resettle some of the families from Car-Nicobar to Little Andaman and about 300 families have already been shifted to Little Andaman. The livelihood of these Nicobari tribals is coconut plantation and they live on horticultural operations. Unfortunately, in spite of repeated requests, the Government have not allotted the promised quota of land to the Nicobaris already shifted from Car-Nicobar to Little Andaman. Every now and then, for the Government requirements lands are acquired at Car-Nicobar and already this has reached the saturation point when there is no further scope to provide any more lands for other purposes. The Air Force authority have acquired a substantial land at Car-Nicobar for the runway, etc. Even some of these acquired lands are going into encroachments by non-tribals in the tribal area. I am approached by the tribal leaders that again the Air Force is forcing for acquiring more lands, which will create a serious situation in that part of the small and peaceful island.

I would, therefore, like to draw the attention of the Government of India to look into the problems of the small Island territories of our country, particularly the tribal Nicobaris, and to issue necessary directives to the concerned authorities not to cause any provocative situation among the tribals in the Nicobar District.

(ii) Need for inclusion of a by-pass on National Highway No. 6 at Deogarh and completion of work on National Highway No. 23 in Orissa in the Ninth Plan

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, the necessity for construction of a by-pass on National Highway No. 6 at Deogarh in Orissa and also completion of work on the 'missing link' portion along National Highway No. 23 in Orissa should not be over-emphasised. These two projects having been badly delayed deserve to be included in the Ninth Five Year Plan for implementation on priority.

I request the Union Government to look into the matter.

(iii) Need for construction of an overbridge at Sonenagar Varwadih Railway crossing on Barun Sonenagar G.T. Road, Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (Aurangabad) : The road traffic on NH-2 known as Shershah Suri Road gets jam for almost 15 days in a month between Aurangabad and Dehri. Due to this people suffer losses to the tune of lakhs of rupees. Passengers as well as driver waste a lot of time and remain hungry and thirsty. Sometime the long line of vehicles on both sides of Sone Nagar G.T. Road level crossing stretches upto 50 kms. This traffic remains jam for two to three days. The traffic remains blocked as the level crossing at Sonenagar G.T. Road remains almost closed due to traffic of trains. Due to closure of level crossing at such a busy road the traffic gets jam. Therefore, I request the Central Government to construct an over-bridge at Barun Sonenagar, G.T. Road on Sonenagar-Varwardi railway line (Eastern Railways) crossing or Barun-Navinagar-Amba Road be doubled after including it in National Highway.

(iv) Need to release enhanced quota of wheat and other foodgrains to Maharashtra

[English]

SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY (Mumbai North Central) : As a result of spurt in the prices of wheat during the last months the off take of wheat has increased by nearly 30 per cent from Public Distribution System in Maharashtra as urban and rural poor are badly hit by spurt in the prices of wheat and other foodgrains.

The Government of Maharashtra have therefore approached the Union Government for the release of enhanced quota of wheat and other foodgrains to meet the requirement of urban and rural poor in Maharashtra.

Since the matter is of urgent public importance, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Food and Civil Supplies for effective intervention for release of enhanced quota of wheat to Maharashtra to overcome the problem.

(v) Need to include KOL-Mayaiya Caste in Banda district U.P. into Scheduled Tribe List.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMSAJEEVAN (Banda) : The Banda district in U.P. is situated adjacent to Madhya Pradesh border. The population of the people belonging to Kol-Mayaiya caste living in Banda district runs into thousands. These people live in remote forest and hill areas and call themselves as 'Vanvasi-Adivasi'. Their educational, social and economic condition is pitiable. The people are victims of poverty, exploitation, torture and malnutrition and come under the category of Scheduled Tribes by all norms but they have not been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes maintained by the Central Government. As a result thereof, this caste has been deprived of various facilities extended by the Government. Except in Banda district, the people belonging to this caste and living in Madhya Pradesh and other parts of the country have been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes and are enjoying various facilities available to Scheduled Tribes. It is quite unjustified not to include these people in the list of Scheduled Tribes. Due to this fact there is resentment and desparation prevailing among these tribes.

As such I request the Central Government to make necessary announcement immediately to include this caste in the Central List of Scheduled Tribes.

(vi) Need for construction of link roads in Jalesar Parliamentary constituency, U.P.

PROF. OM PAL SINGH 'NIDAR' (Jalesar) : My Parliamentary Constituency Jalesar (Uttar Pradesh) has been created by joining four districts Ferozabad, Agra, Mathura and Etah. This Parliamentary Constituency is very backward and has no link road in rural areas. There are thousands of villages where there are no link roads. During rainy season these villages remain cut-off from nearer villages and markets. I would like to request the Central Government to construct link roads in Jalesar Parliamentary Constituency on top priority basis without any delay.